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GRAD STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS — President A. I. Thomas congratulates two of nearly 300 graduate students who received Masters degrees during The Annual Summer Commencement Exercises held Sunday, August 16. (see other photos on inside pages).



SUMMER READING PROGRAM — Dozens of community youngsters participated in the Summer Reading program sponsored by local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Active leaders in the project and other photos are pictured on page 5.

Present and Future

Campus Improvements Planned

With unprecedented approaches to positive planning, Prairie View A&M University now has approximately \$50 million in recent, current and planned construction aimed primarily at an enrollment increase for the traditionally Black College.

The enrollment management policy for Prairie View calls for an expanded student recruitment program, stepped up efforts to obtain additional funds for scholarships, enhanced counseling and related programs designed to improve the school's student retention rate.

Also added emphasis will be placed on career opportunities provided by the school's academic programs.

Already a major source of supplying the nation — and the world with graduate engineers and nurses, Prairie View A&M

University's campus looks at times like the target of enemy bombers, as one older building is being demolished and another new one going up next to it.

As buildings are renovated, and as new ones are groundbroken, there must be new pipe lines and underground cables to be laid, so much of the campus is necessarily turned up, say the university's maintenance engineers.

Dr. A. I. Thomas and his top cabinet members started a five year plan several years ago, and are not in the first year of one of the most ambitious plans in the long history of Black Universities in the country.

Already finished and ready for occupancy by professors and students at the 104rd school year opening is the

Mass Communications and Information Center, converted from the older dining hall (Hilliard Hall) into a modern, two story structure, complete with radio and television station.

The radio station is scheduled to open later this month.

Also ready after a two-year face lift is the Animal Industries Building, which has been redone completely, inside and out.

As leader in providing the nation with Black nurses, Prairie View intends to continue to be in the forefront of nursing after purchasing a 10 story building in the Texas Medical Center, and is now undergoing major renovations.

Ground has been broken on the \$1.5 million Dairy Goat Research Center, which will be

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Annual Career Festival Set for September 23

On September 23, 1981, the Prairie View A&M University Division of Career Education and Placement will sponsor its 11th Annual Career Festival. Approximately 70 companies will have representatives on campus to participate in this affair.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1981, beginning at 9:00 a.m., company representatives will be able to discuss the various job opportunities in their organizations. Individual company booths will be located in Alumni Hall (all levels) and will remain open until 5:00 p.m.

All faculty members are encouraged to bring their classes to the Career Festival. This affair should provide the students with pertinent information about the companies and an awareness of the various career options as it relates to their own chosen field.

All Prairie View A&M University graduating seniors and alumni with definite career plans are especially encouraged to attend this affair. However, this affair was planned to encompass all students.

A partial list of Career

Festival participating companies is listed below:

Aerojet Tactical Systems Company
Aluminum Company of America
Amerada Hess Corporation
Ames Research Center — NASA
Amoco Oil Company
Atlantic Richfield Company
Ball Aerospace Systems Division
Bechtel Corporation
Boston Edison Company
Buick Motor Division
Cameron Iron Works, Inc.
CBS, Inc.
Colgate-Palmolive Company

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A faculty renewal conference, which features outstanding speakers and workshops on instructional techniques, is scheduled for August 26-28.

New students, both freshman and transfer are expected to arrive on August 29 and take part in orientation sessions sponsored by both academic and student affairs leaders. Parents Day will be observed Sunday August 30.

Regular registration is set for August 31 and September 1 with classes scheduled to begin on September 2 at 7:30 a.m.

TWILIGHT AND WEEKEND COLLEGE

Among several special features for the new term is the university's Twilight and Weekend program. A large number of courses are available in most departments with schedules set to accommodate working people.

Student Applications Being Accepted

Financial Aid Office Busy

The financial aid office is now in full operation processing financial aid application and awards for the Fall, 1981 and Spring, 1982 Semesters.

New procedures have been implemented so that fee payment may be accomplished in a faster and more orderly manner. All students are urged to:

1. Contact the financial aid office to be sure that your file includes (a) Financial Aid Form (FAF); (b) Student Eligibility Report (SER); (c) Income Tax Statement; and (d) Financial Aid Application.

2. Pre-register during August 1 thru August 30 and report to the Financial Aid

Office with the fee assessment card.

3. See the respective Financial Aid Counselor for award processing.

The regular registration period will start August 31, 1981. Student planning to register during that period should follow in the same procedures as those outlined in the pre-registration. Students who pre-register and receive a financial aid award have the option of having their fees paid for them by the financial aid office staff. This effort is being made to reduce the lines during the September registration period. Students having their fees paid in advance by the

financial aid staff will be able to secure their receipt in the Financial Aid Office.

Students returning to the Campus to pre-register should be certain to bring with them their BEOG Student Eligibility report and any other documents needed to complete the financial aid folder.

Financial aid in the form of Grants, Work-Study, Loans, and Scholarships are available for the 1981-82 school year. Be a financial aid early bird and receive your aid package and fee payment prior to the first class day.

Announcing —
PARENTS DAY
Sunday,
August 30,
1981



2nd LIEUTENANT BARS — One of several ROTC graduates commissioned during special exercises is pictured having his bars pinned by parents.

Nearly \$3 Million in Student Aid Funds Received

Prairie View A&M University has been awarded student financial aid funds for the 1981-82 school year in the amount of \$2,853,686. Dr. A. I. Thomas, president of the University, announced.

The U. S. Department of Education has given official notice of approximately \$1½ million of funding for the supplemental education opportunity grants and a similar amount for the College Work-Study Program.



NORTHROP CORP GRANT — Langston D. Gillum is shown presenting \$2000 check to the university's representative, Brutus Jackson, Placement Director, in support of PV efforts to improve minority representation in the engineering discipline.

Local Entrepreneurs Spend Day With Students and Staff

More than 15 local entrepreneurs spent the day on August 4, 1981, with students, faculty, and guest consultants at Prairie View A&M University. These men and women were special guest of the College of Business for a day of activities billed "Entrepreneurial Day." The major purposes of the day's activities were to:

- (1) Expose successful entrepreneurs to services available to them through the SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION,
- (2) Acquaint the students in the College of Business with successful entrepreneurs of small businesses in the Prairie View community, and to acquaint the students with

practical operations of businesses, and

- (3) Create understanding and goodwill among the participants — students, local entrepreneurs, College of Business faculty, and guest consultants.

Opportunities were provided for the local entrepreneurs to interact with representatives from such companies as HARRY HOWARD HURST, INC. (Management Consultant Firm), DR PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY, CENTURY 21 REALTORS/-NEWHOUSE ASSOCIATES, INC., ARLINGTON MCRAE, INC. (Consultant Firm), SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (Houston Division), and others.

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Improvements Planned for The University

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one of the finest facilities in the country for research in nutrition, reproduction, housing and equipment, and veterinary health.

Nearing completion is the tennis complex which will rival most in the country, and will be in a class that can hold championship tennis of any kind. The entire complex is lighted.

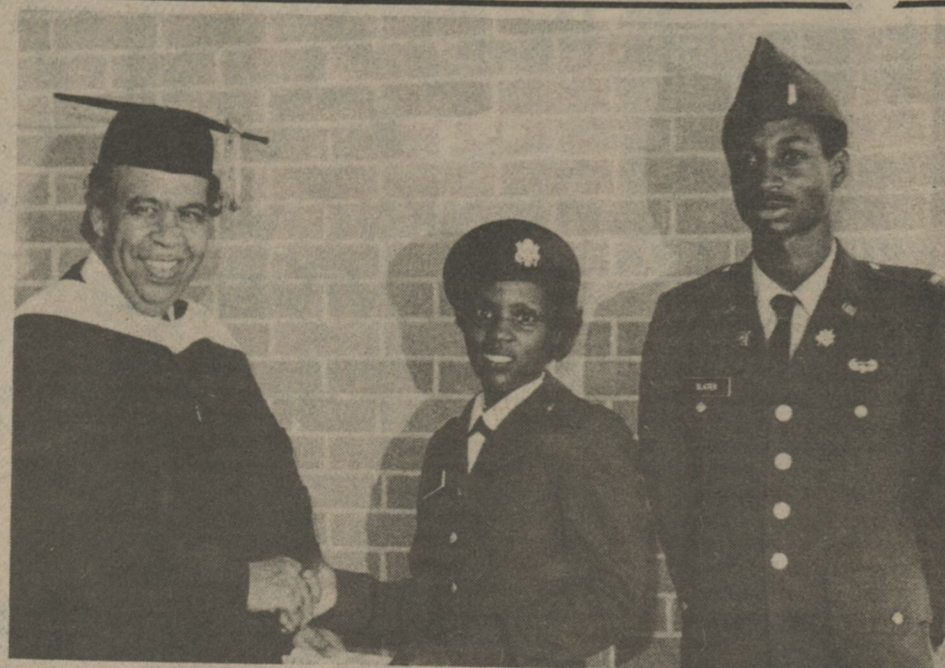
On the drawing board with groundbreaking scheduled for later this year is the new Industrial Education and Technology Building with a price tag of more than \$17 million, and Chemical Engineering Building costing more than \$8 million.

Also scheduled for starting construction this year is a new education building and a Home Management Complex totaling more than \$9 million.

Other new building scheduled for construction in the ambitious five-year plan include Arts and Sciences II, continuing Education Center, School of Architecture, library, and eight other in the Educational and General category.

There are almost 50 buildings, complexes, airstrips, parking lots, athletic fields, post office, etc., planned for the non-educational and general categories building program.

The program includes an experimental solar house complex, engineering experiment station, an Afro-American Heritage Center, Memorial student center, movie houses, all Faiths Chapel Center, graduate student housing, men



HUSBAND AND WIFE COMMISSIONED — "The First" husband and wife team to be commissioned together at PV (or anywhere) was 2nd Lieutenants Annette L. Slater (Buford) and Danny R. Slater of Chicago, Illinois. President Thomas is shown congratulating the couple following commencement ceremonies.



Dr. Williams Gets To Represent Church Women

Dr. Sarah Robinson Williams, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Work and Sociology has been appointed to serve on The Commission on the Status and Role of Women in The United Methodist Church.

The Commission is charged with responsibility to "challenge the United Methodist Church . . . to a continuing commitment to the full and equal responsibility and participation of women in the total life and mission of the Church?"

and women's residence halls. And for the recreation and health addicts there will be, in addition to the spanking new tennis complex, racquet ball courts, mini-golf course, jogging trails, skating rink, softball fields, amusement park, outdoor basketball courts (covered), equestrian facilities and trails, soccer field, golf driving range, and others.

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Area Educator Attends Consumer Institute

Dorothy Kizer, Professor of Home Economics, Prairie View A&M University was one of 25 leading college and university consumer education teachers selected to attend a ten-day Consumer Economics Institute sponsored by the Joint Council on Economic Education. Dr. Kizer was chosen from among applicants from 19 western states.

The 10-day session, was held August 2-14 in Boise, Idaho, and was hosted by the Idaho Council on Economic Education. Participants in this program were involved in exploring ways of incorporating basic economic principles into the consumer decision-making process. Participants developed teaching techniques geared to help students become effective purchasers of goods and services.

The Institute in Boise was Phase I of a 4-phase program. After attending the summer program, Dr. Kizer will be



Dorothy Kizer

involved in the planning and implementation of an inservice program for classroom consumer educators in their local area. The final phase of the program will be a follow-up meeting in Fall 1982, at which she and other participants in the program will report on the programs which they have run during the 1981-82 school year.

The Institute marked the third year of the Joint Council's National Consumer

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NOTICE

Prairie View A&M University will offer for the first time to the undergraduate a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with specialization in law enforcement.

Registration is now being held to attend the University's Criminal Justice Seminar Institute in Law Enforcement with classes for the

FALL SEMESTER

For further information call or write Attorney Clarence Dorsey, Chairman of the Criminal Justice Program at Prairie View A&M University at 857-4024. Area code is 713 and the zip code is 77445.

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Shelia Marie Mapp THE EXPERIMENT IN LIVING PROGRAM (EIL) got off to a running start this summer. Shelia Marie Mapp, freshman, Kashmere High School, Houston was one of the reasons. She is a surgical nurse major. The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Mary Mapp has maintained a B average throughout the summer sessions. Her hobbies are sewing, tennis and fishing.

Entrepreneurs

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strict Office), and the GOVERNOR'S OFFICE (Texas). Many of the local entrepreneurs and consultants who attended the day's activities have expressed their appreciations to Dr. Rollins and her faculty for providing this opportunity and have indicated an interest in future seminars of a similar nature.

DON'T GET CONFUSED

Bob Lilly, former defensive tackle for the Dallas Cowboys, on the Cowboy tradition of playing on Thanksgiving Day: "I always considered it an advantage for us. The short week didn't give us enough time to get confused!"

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Twilight and Weekend College

By Jack Weeks

The Twilight and Weekend College-Program, initiated at Prairie View A&M University in the fall semester of 1978, continues to record encouraging and highly satisfactory progress as 13 persons have been awarded diplomas during the past nine months.

The program offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education and Sociology/Social Work.

In December, 1980, Mrs. Yvonne Redmon and Mrs. Alice Westbrook, of Hearne were the first graduates of the program to receive B.S. degrees in Elementary Education.

Six graduates of the program received their degrees during Commencement Exercises in May. They are Mrs. Valencia Donatto, Mrs. Carolyn Thomas, Mrs. Janice Mims, Mrs. Denise Thorne, Mrs. Clara Gilbert, and Ms. Ona McMillan.

During the August Commencement exercises, five graduates of the program included Mrs. Janice Purvis, Mrs. Ingrid Singleton, Mrs. Sylvia James, Mrs. Joyce Fridie and Mr. O. D. Baker.

Dr. A. I. Thomas, president of the university, offers hearty congratulations and best wishes for future success.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER — Arthur E. Teele, administrator of the U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transit Division, is shown with President Thomas in academic procession. A former Prairie View resident, Teele served as Commencement speaker.

Educator —

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Economics Project. Similar Institutes were held in Atlanta, Georgia in 1979 and in St. Louis, Missouri in 1980. Funding for this project was initiated by grants from the American Express Foundation and the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Foundation. Additional grants have been received from the Shell

Companies Foundation, Inc.; National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation; Monsanto Fund; Esmark, Inc.; State Farm Companies Foundation; General Mills Foundation; Lever Brothers Company Foundation, Inc.; SAFECO Insurance Companies, The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; and Exxon Company, U. S. A.

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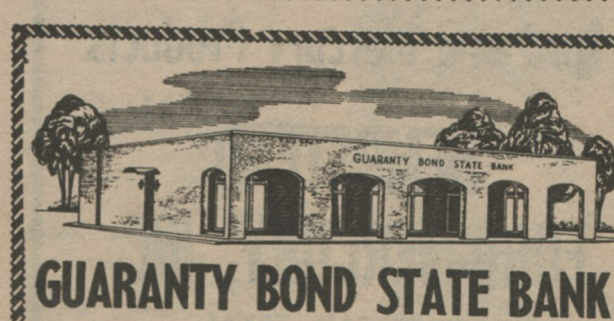
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Scarce Engineering Grads Continue to Draw Top Dollar

What happens when demand far exceeds supply? The price goes up. And that's what happened once again this year as employers recruited the nation's college campuses for new employees.

Most employers were scrambling for hard-to-find engineering graduates. Competition was so keen that engineering offers accounted for 65 percent of all offers reported in the study even though engineering majors comprised only 7 percent of the bachelor's degree candidates in 1980-81. The result was not surprising. The highest average salary offers went to engineering graduates, according to data just compiled by the College Placement Council for its on going Salary Survey study, reports Mr. Brutus N. Jackson, career planning and placement director at Prairie View A&M University, a participating institution in the national survey.

Students majoring in petroleum engineering drew the top offers at the bachelor's level — \$26,652 annually, an 11.8 percent increase. Second-ranked chemical engineering, at \$24,360, experienced a 12.7 percent gain. Since the July 1980 report, increases in average salary offers for the 11 bachelor's level engineering disciplines ranged from 10 percent to 14 percent.

On the other hand, students majoring in humanities and social sciences, who make up about 33 percent of the graduates at the bachelor's level, accounted for only 4 percent of the job offers

reported in the survey. An their average beginning salary offers were only about half the top engineering average — \$13,992 for other social sciences, \$14,448 for humanities, and \$16,440 for economics. Percentage increases for these disciplines ranged from 8.8 to 12.1 percent.

The tree business disciplines represented 22 percent of the bachelor's offers and reported increases of over 9 percent to 11 percent in average salary offers since a year ago. The highest average offer in this group, \$17,016 went to accountants.

The seven scientific disciplines included in the survey accounted for 9 percent of the bachelor's volume. Computer science continued to dominate this category in number of offers, but commanded second place in terms of dollar value with a reported annual average of \$20,712, up 10.9 percent. Other physical and earth sciences received the top dollar offer in this group. The annual average for this group was \$22,152, which was 19.6 percent higher than the July 1980 figure.

At the master's level, chemical engineering recorded the highest average at \$26,484 per year, up 13.4 percent since last year. MBA candidates with a technical undergraduate degree ranked second at \$26,268 per year, and 11.1 percent gain.

The College Placement Council Salary Survey data are based on offers, not acceptances, made to college students in selected curricula and graduate programs. Dat

All Faiths Chapel Drive Over \$500,000.00 (½ Million in Cash)

According to The Reverend W. Van Johnson, Dean of Chapel, The Big Gifts Committee and The Steering Committee for the All Faiths Chapel Drive at Prairie View A&M University, we have raised a total of \$502,376.13 in cash towards the construction of an All Faiths Chapel Center at Prairie View A&M University. The funds received are from the private donors, foundations and two of The Texas A&M University System, Board of Regents Members, namely: Mr. John R. Blocker, Vice Chairman, \$10,000.00 and Dr. John B. Coleman, Board Member, \$10,000.00 and several of the private foundations have contributed in a positive manner towards the construction of an All Faiths Chapel at the university.

are submitted throughout the year by 184 placement offices at 161 colleges and universities throughout the United States. Formal reports are issued in January, March, and July. A preliminary report is published in December and a summer supplement in October.

The July 1981 Salary Survey is based on offers reported between September 1, 1980 and June 12, 1981, and is available only to members of the College Placement Council, Inc. and subscribers to the Salary Survey.

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Small Farm Demonstration — Pictured above are Administrator Hoover Carden and specialist who display vegetable products.

the second week of August 1981.

He is one of the twenty-one faculty members selected for this institute for this course

across the nation. Firesafety is a very important aspect of engineering design and construction and fire is one of the
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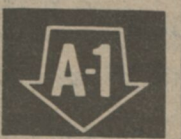
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PV Students Internship in U. S. Congress Completed

Ivory Lewis, a rising sophomore student in Agricultural Economics, recently returned from duty as a Summer Intern with the U. S. House of Representative-Committee On Agriculture.

Ivory was selected by Assistant Professor Lindsey Weatherspoon to participate in the program. This liberty which was extended to the College of Agriculture was negotiated with Congressman E. (Kika) de la Garza by Ocleris Simpson, Research Director at Prairie View. During Mr. Lewis' tenure in Washington, he was able to witness the Hearings on legislation directly affecting the research program at Prairie View and other 1890 Land Grant Colleges.

The general nature of the

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am writing on behalf of Ivory Lewis, a student at Prairie View A&M University who has interned with the House Committee on Agriculture for the last three months.

Candidly, I can say that this young man performed an outstanding job during his stay at the Committee. On a number of occasions, I requested that he attend and report to me on official briefings both here on Capitol Hill and at the Department of Agriculture. His reports were prompt and quite thorough, and over the weeks it was readily apparent his knowledge of the Federal Government was increasing.

Ivory attended a number of Capitol Hill Intern Programs while he was working with the Committee. These programs are designed to acquaint college students working on Capitol Hill for the summer months with various duties and functions of the Executive Branch as well and the goings-on of Capitol Hill, and Members of Congress and Cabinet Secretaries generally lead the discussions at these sessions. I am confident that as a result of his involvement in these informative sessions Ivory's understanding of the role of the Federal Government was greatly enhanced.

Lastly, let me say that a number of the Committee staff reported to me on Ivory's dependability and cooperative attitude. Certainly, all of us would welcome him back at any time.

It is a pleasure to provide you these comments. If you should need further information, please let me know.

With best regards.

A. Mario Castillo
Assistant to the Chairman

Rao Attends —

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main causes for most emergencies caused in the Nation. This has taken special importance in recent times due to new flammable and toxic materials used in construction of our homes furniture etc. The threat to peace leads to explosions and fires. The purpose of this institute is to prepare many instructors with the needed knowledge in this regard to facilitate them to impart that knowledge to the students of engineering and architecture to prepare them to face such emergencies of the future in their design and construction profession.

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive.
— Robert Louis Stevenson

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES shown at top and right.

(Pictured at bottom left) Project leaders — Mrs. Libbie Brown, Mrs. Lois Brown, Mrs. Ruby Harden, Mrs. Joyce Christopher, Mrs. Mary Catchings, Mr. Frank Francis (Librarian), Mrs. Marion Williams, Mrs. Irma Kendrick, and Mrs. Carolyn Brown.

PV-ite Class of 1918

An unusual celebration, of special interest to Prairie View alumni, occurred in Houston on Sunday afternoon, July 26, 1981. It was in observance of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Dr. James L. and Cora Jean Stanley. The former is one of three surviving members of the Class of 1918. Approximately 75 guests were in attendance to witness the solemn renewal of vows, then participate in the reception following. Among the host of friends were several distinguished Prairie View alumni who are active members of the Houston-Prairie View Metropolitan Alumni Club.

Among the congratulations received were telegrams from Mayor McConn, Governor Clements, Lt. Governor Hobby, Senator Tower, Speaker Clayton, Don Rickles, and others. In appreciation of this rare occasion, Dr. Noble Armstrong, Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education at Prairie View, read a poem which he composed and

presented to the honorees. We are pleased to present it as representative of the many tributes making it a memorable day.

A LOVING TRIBUTE to Dr. James L. and Cora Jean Stanley July 26, 1981

Since nineteen hundred twenty-one,
When life together was begun,
How glorious are life's goals
you've won
These sixty diamond years!

You started in youth's morning fair
To live as a devoted pair;
And each with each life's fortune share
Through sixty diamond years.
How firm together you've been bound,
In educating youth you found
The call to highest service bound,
These consecrated years.

What sweeping changes have been wrought,

PV Teens Attend "Jack And Jill" Conference

The Prairie View teens of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. attended the twenty-seventh South Central Region annual conference held in Beaumont, Texas June 25-28, 1981. The Conference theme, "Teens of Vision — Daring to Venture In the 80's" was reflected in every activity.

Prairie View participated in three competitive events: Teen Scrapbook (3rd place) Art, Mixed Media (1st place), and Talent Show (3rd place).

Some of the workshops attended by teens and sponsors were Leadership, Family Relations, Values Clarification and Business Management. Prairie View Teens attending the conference were Metoya Brown, delegate, and Schretta Bledsoe, alternate. Other members attending were Mia Brown, Burnett Carter, Bena Clem, Cornelius Cooper, Frankie Francis, Jennifer Francis, Wendy Parker, Yvette Poindexter, Stephanie Sowell, Kevin Walker, Senora Web-



ALUMNI RECOGNITION — Dean Austin E. Greaux (P.E.), College of Engineering, receives Alumni Association plaque for outstanding service from local Alumni representative Dr. S. R. Collins. The Award was made during The Annual Association meeting in Dallas last month.

What banes and blessings have they brought;
Great lasting lessons have they taught
Through dedicated years.
The paths of youth have overgrown,
The friends of childhood grown and gone;
And age reaps what in youth was sown
By love-filled diamond years.

'Tis wondrous how the Savior spared,
And in His loving kindness cared,
And richest blessings you have shared
These gleaming diamond years.

ster, John Bell, Bruce Davis, Marcus Higgs, and Gary Johnson. Sponsors attending along with the Teens were President Gwendolyn Carter, Senior Teen Sponsor, Lois Brown, Jr. Teen Sponsor, Rachel Poindexter and Jr. Teen Co-Sponsor, Johnnie Walker.

How few there be who live to see
Six married decades, crowned and free,
By deeds of utmost loyalty
All sixty diamond years.

And when you face life's setting sun,
Your battles fought, you're vic'tries won,
You'll hear the Master say,
"Well done!"
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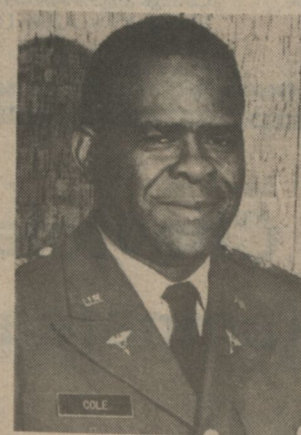
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PV Administrator Promoted To Colonel in Army Reserves

Robert Vernon Cole Jr., Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor of Foods and Nutrition has been promoted to Colonel, Army Medical Specialist Corps, United States Army Reserves.

Mr. Cole is a native of Dallas Texas and a graduate of Prairie View A&M University. He received his commission as second Lt. through the Army rote program at Prairie View A&M University. He is a World War II Veteran, having received many decorations for outstanding military performance.



Colonel Robert Cole, Jr.

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Cooperative Extension Service



Alfred Wade, IFPP Specialist and assistants are shown cleaning and processing catfish.

PV Gets Catfish Grant — Demonstration Held

"The Extension Service- USDA recently extended a contract to test catfish cooperatives for small farmers," states Hoover Carden, Administrator of the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University.

Grant money for the project totaling \$77,380 for a two-year period was received from the Extension Special Needs Fund. The primary purpose of this Special Needs grant is to test the feasibility of a catfish marketing cooperative for small farm pond catfish producers.

Recent advances in fish culture have provided proven techniques on demonstrating efficient pond utilization to produce food fish at a low cost. Previous work in this area proved that small farm

ponds are viable production units. A side benefit from this testing was that the fish harvested in excess of personal use could be sold on the open market, thereby supplementing the small farmer's income. However, a major drawback to this was the inability of the small farmer to harvest the fish efficiently. Reasons for this include a high capital outlay (\$800.00) for the individual farmer. Potentially, the best way for adequate production, harvesting and marketing would be through several cooperating farmers.

The recently received contract will enable the catfish cooperatives to be tested in four (4) of the twenty-six (26) Texas counties where catfish production is already under-way.

Catfish Harvest and Processing

The Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M university had as one of its projects a catfish harvest and processing demonstration which was conducted by Intensified Farm Planning Program (IFPP) specialist Alfred Wade and former fisheries Assistant Madison Rayford. The demonstration took place on Thursday, June 11, 1981 on the experimental farm at Prairie View A&M University. The demonstration was conducted to monitor fish growth and to demonstrate seining and processing techniques.

The pond used in the demonstration was stocked approximately 1½ growing

College of Business Hosts "Entrepreneurial Day"

Lectures
"Strategies and Practices in Special Markets"
Mr. Carl Traylor
Special Projects Manager
Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Houston, Inc.
"Strategies and Practices in Banking"

Mrs. Shirley Bradford, President
Standard Savings & Loan, Houston
"Strategies and Practices in Accounting"
Mr. Arlington McRae, CPA, President
Arlington McRae, Inc.

"Strategies and Practices in Real Estate"
Mr. Gary D. New House, Owner/Broker
Century 21-Newhouse

Associates, Inc.
Houston

Topics
"Financing Small Business"
"Management Assistance for Small Businesses"
"Funding Small Businesses"
"Texas Small Business Council"

Discussants
Mr. Don Davenport, Management and Finance Office
Small Business Administration District Office, Houston

Mr. Joe Kirven, Administrative Assistant
Office of the Governor
State of Texas

Mr. Harry H. Hurst, President
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Football —

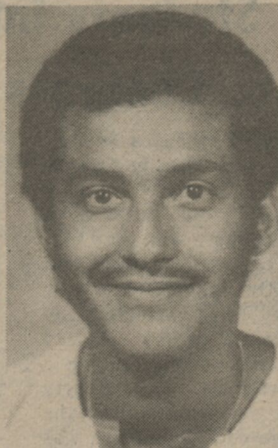
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solid football player," Cooper said.

Three players from the Panther secondary — Barnett, Alexander and Hayes, — added credence to what Cooper has been saying throughout the pre-season. "We are real strong in the secondary."

Hayes, a 195-pounder, moved into the starting lineup the fourth game of last season and hasn't been out since. "He's very intelligent and has lots of football knowledge," Cooper said. He logged 10 tackles and had one interception against Arkansas-Pine Bluff and logged more than six tackles of five other occasions. "He should be the catalyst of the secondary," Cooper said.

The other two, Alexander



Frank Walters Named Trainer

Frank Walters, former athletic trainer at M. B. Smiley High School in Houston, Texas has been named athletic trainer at Prairie View A&M University, announced Dr. Leroy Moore, athletic director. Walters earned a bachelors degree from Brooklyn College and a master of science degree in physical education-athletic training from Indiana State university in 1977.

The Channelview, Texas native worked as an instructor of health education at Pharr San Juan Alama High School in Pharr, Texas and instructor of health education at Smiley prior to joining the Prairie View staff.

He has also served as assistant supervisor of recreation for the Starrett City Recreation and Cultural Center in Brooklyn, New York and assistant athletic trainer for the J&A Golden Knights in the New York Football Conference.

Walters carries memberships in the Southwestern Athletic Trainers Association, National Athletic Trainers Association, American College of Sports Medicine and American Association for Helath, Physical Education Recreation and dance.

He is a licensed athletic trainer in the state of Texas and has a national athletic trainers association certificate. He is also certified in first aid and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

and Barnett, both missed last season after outstanding years two seasons ago. Alexander was out with grade problems and Barnett out with a knee injury after an outstanding freshman year.

Alexander already has seven career interceptions and has been rated among one of the top pro prospects by the Football News. "He's a hard hitter and outstanding competitor," Cooper said. "He's been in the starting lineup since his freshman year.

Barnett, a 185-pounder, was being primed for all star status when a knee injury felled him last season. "He should reach that success this year with his knee fully mended," Cooper said. He was named Most Outstanding Freshman two seasons ago. "He's a super player and individual," Cooper said.

In politics, as on the sickbed, people toss from one side to another, thinking they will be more comfortable. —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Footballers Report

Cornelius Cooper welcomed nearly 100 prospects to the Panther first football practice sessions in preparation for the 1981 football season.

Cooper took on an optimistic outlook after early workouts even though there's just as much youth around this year as there was last year.

Included in the 92 who showed up on the first day of practice were 42 freshmen, many of them walkons. There were 33 players who have won at least one letter at Prairie View including 15 who started last season.

"We saw some talent out there. Now it's just a matter of the coaching staff molding it together into one unit. I think we'll be stronger; even though we still have a depth problem," Cooper said. Cooper said the Panthers would have 14 days of two-a-day drills.

"We've got a lot to do and a short time to do it in," Cooper said of the Panther preparation for the season opener on September 5 in San Marcos, Tx. against Southwest Texas State.

Cooper said he was pleased with showing of senior defensive tackle Milton Hall (Eutaw, Ala.), senior offensive guard Dale Clark (Miami, Fla.), senior cornerback Robert Alexander (Monticello, Fla.), sophomore cornerback Gerald Barnett (Orange, Tx.), junior cornerback John White (Beaumont, Tx.), senior full back Howard Grant (Milwaukee, Wisc.) and junior strong safety James Hayes (Los Angeles, Cal.).

"These are the people we are counting on for leadership. We are expecting a lot out of them, plus some other veterans, but they were head and shoulders

above every else after the first few days of practice," Cooper said.

Two other surprises were Christopher Jackson, freshman runningback from Waller and freshman kicker Lynn Stice from Corpus Christi. "These were two we didn't know we would get," Cooper said. Both were recently discharged from the military service and enrolled at Prairie View.

"They look like they can help us right now," Cooper said. "Many of the freshmen will be able to help in spots," he added. "We're looking for help in the offensive and defensive lines. We need some depth in those places."

"We're strong in the secondary, so it will be extremely hard for a freshman to play there and have lots of experience at receiver but we don't have much depth in the lines. I'm a firm believer that games are won and lost in the lines," Cooper added.

"We have a lot of freshmen running backs and receivers who may wind up playing in the line, if they have any size," Cooper said. "We'll move some people around until we find the right combinations."

Cross Country to Open September 11

Coach Hoover Wright will be building almost from scratch when his cross-country team opens the season September 11 in a home dual against Jackson State, last years Southwestern Athletic Conference champion.

"We'll be young but hopefully improved," Wright

1981 Men's Cross Country Roster

Runner	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School)
Mark Roy	6-0	145	Jr.	Lake Charles, La. (Marion)
Mel Trahan	5-9	140	Jr.	Raywood, Tx. (Hull-Daisetta)
Eric Pierce	5-11	160	So.	Dallas, Texas (Spruce)
Michael Barrett	6-3	180	Fr.	Houston, Tx. (Madison)
Samuel Burch	5-11	175	Fr.	Guthrie, Okla. (Central)
Byron Lacey	5-7	160	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Normandy)
Donald Lomax	5-6	155	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Normandy)
Michael Samuel	6-0	175	Fr.	Dallas, Tx. (Kimball)
Vernon Williams	5-11	160	Fr.	LaMarque, Tx. (LaMarque)

1981 Men's Cross-Country Schedule

Day/Date	Meet	Site
Friday, Sept. 11	Jackson State Duel	Prairie View
Saturday, Sept. 26	Southern Dual	Baton Rouge, La.
Saturday, Oct. 3	Grambling Dual	Grambling, La.
Saturday, Oct. 10	at LeTourneau Invitational	Longview, Tx.
Saturday, Oct. 17	at Louisiana State Invitational	Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, Oct. 23	at Terlingua Track Club Meet	Houston, Tx.
Monday, Nov. 2	at Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship	Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, Nov. 6	NAIA Dist. 8 Championships	Dallas, Tx.
Saturday, Nov. 14	NCAA Dist. 6 Championships	Georgetown, Ky.
Saturday, Nov. 21	NAIA Championships	Kenosha, Wis.
Monday, Nov. 23	NCAA National Championships	TBA

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Nine Panthers Tabbed

Players to Watch

Nine Prairie View football players were tabbed among those as players to watch during the upcoming football season following the third annual Southwestern Athletic Conference Press Football Tour. The list was compiled on ballots taken from the league football coaches and sports information directors.

Tabbed on offense were sophomore tight end Randall King of Houston, junior offensive tackle Jesse Nelson of Chicago, Ill.; senior offensive tackle Sammie August from Houston and junior split end Tracy Jones from Miami, Fla.

Defensive players tabbed were senior end Milton Hall from Eutaw, Ala. senior linebacker Kevin Sullivan from Oakland, Cal.; sophomore cornerback Gerald Barnett from Orange, Tx., senior safety Robert Alexander from Monticello, Fla. and junior safety James Hayes from Los Angeles, Cal.

The Panthers were tabbed to bring up the cellar in the pre-season poll of coaches and sports information directors with Grambling, last years co-champ with Jackson State, picked to win the conference.

"We'll be in there biting, kicking scratching and struggling to climb out of the cellar," said Panther coach Cornelius Cooper. "We're still a bit young but we'll be looking for improvement each game out."

Improvement was what landed King a spot on the players to watch list. "He did a terrific job as a freshman alternating with another player last year," Cooper said of King, a 5-10, 205-pounder. "He improved with each game and should get better in the years to come."

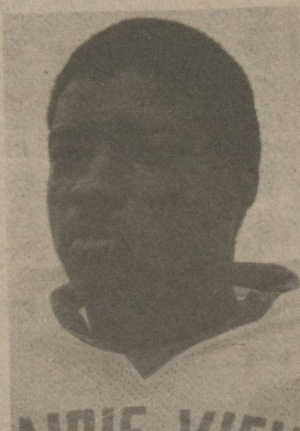
The young Panthers finished seventh in the conference meet after showing signs of promise in earlier season meets.

Of the six runners from last year only Roy and Trahan will be back. Roy finished 25th and Trahan 27th in the conference race.

"We'll be almost brand new," Wright said. It was almost the same last year with four freshmen and two sophomores. "We'll be better this year than last year, though, even with the youth on the team," Wright boasts.

"We have five freshmen in who will make some people run. We're hoping they can run as good as their press clippings have said. If so we'll be up challenging for one of the top spots in the conference meet," Wright said.

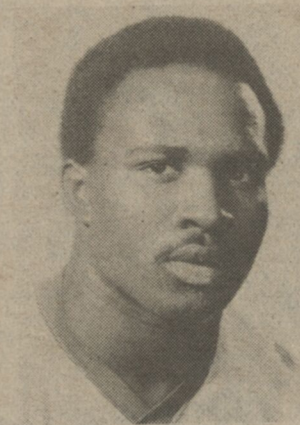
"He has the potential to become an All American, it's just a matter of him believing in himself strong enough to accomplish that goal," Cooper said.



Alexander



Barnett



Hall



Hayes



King



Sullivan

August has Cooper worried. The 6-3 250-pounder from Houston hasn't showned up for pre-season drills. He recently got married and was supposed to report a few days after his wedding but had not reported as of August 19. "With him out of the offensive line we'll have to do some moving around. We're thin in the offensive line anyway and that takes away a big part of our success," Cooper said.

Jones, though, brings smiles to Cooper's face. The 6-0, 185-pounder was named first team All Conference after his freshmen year but hasn't

Hall is the versatile player of the defensive players picked. He has played linebacker, defensive end and defensive tackle with ease and may wind up playing all three positions again this year. Hall has been among the leaders defensively the past two seasons. "He's a sound athlete and individual with lots of leadership qualities," Cooper said. "He's one of the best pass rushers in the conference. He earned honorable mention all conference last year while toiling at defensive end."

Sullivan, like Hall, has "lots of leadership ability," Cooper said. "He has been a mainstay of the Panthers defense for three seasons." He led the team in tackles two years ago and was No. 2 last season. He recorded 10 tackles in two games last year, against Texas Southern and Alcorn. "He's a

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SCENES FROM SUMMER YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

Announcing . . .

OPENING OF FALL SEMESTER

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- August 29 . . . Residence Halls Open
August 30 . . . Parents Day
August 31-
September 1 . . . Freshmen Orientation
September 1 . . . Regular Registration Begins
September 2 . . . Regular Registration Closes
Late Registration Begins
Classes Begin
September 3 . . . Concert (University Field House)
September 5 . . . P. V. vs. Southwest Texas
State University (Football)
San Marcos, Texas — 7:30 p.m.
September 14 . . . Late Registration Closes
September 19 . . . P. V. vs. Jackson State
University (Football)
Prairie View, Texas — 1:30 p.m.
September 24 . . . President's Honor's Convocation
September 26 . . . Football — P. V. hosts
Southern University,
Rice Stadium, Houston

1981 PANTHER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
5	at Southwest Texas	San Marcos, Tx.	7:30 p.m.
19	*JACKSON STATE	PRAIRIE VIEW	1:30 p.m.
26	*SOUTHERN UNIV.	HOUSTON Rice Stadium	7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

3	*at Grambling	Grambling, La.	7:30 p.m.
10	vs. Bishop College	Dallas, Tx.	7:30 p.m.
17	at Texas Lutheran	Seguin, Tx.	7:30 p.m.
31	*MISSISSIPPI VAL. (HOMECOMING)	PRAIRIE VIEW	1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

7	at Ark.-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, Ark.	1:30 p.m.
14	*at Alcorn State	Lorman, Miss.	1:30 p.m.
21	*at Texas Southern	Houston, Tx.	7:30 p.m.

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Twilight and Weekend Program To Be Featured

The Twilight and Weekend College-Program, initiated at Prairie View A&M University in the fall semester of 1978, continues to record encouraging and highly satisfactory progress as 13 persons have been awarded diplomas during the past nine months.

The program offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education and Sociology/-Social Work.

In December, 1980, Mrs. Yvonne Redmon and Mrs. Alice Westbrook, of Hearne were the first graduates of the program to receive B.S. degrees in Elementary Education.

Six graduates of the program received their degrees during Commencement Exercises in May. They are Mrs. Valencia Donatto, Mrs. Carolyn Thomas, Mrs. Janice Mims, Mrs. Denise Thorne, Mrs. Clara Gilbert, and Mrs. Ona McMillan.

During the August Commencement Exercises, five graduates of the program included Mrs. Janice Purvis, Mrs. Ingrid Singleton, Mrs. Sylvia James, Mrs. Joyce Fridie and Mr. O. D. Baker.

Dr. A. I. Thomas, president of the university offers hearty congratulations and best wishes for future success.

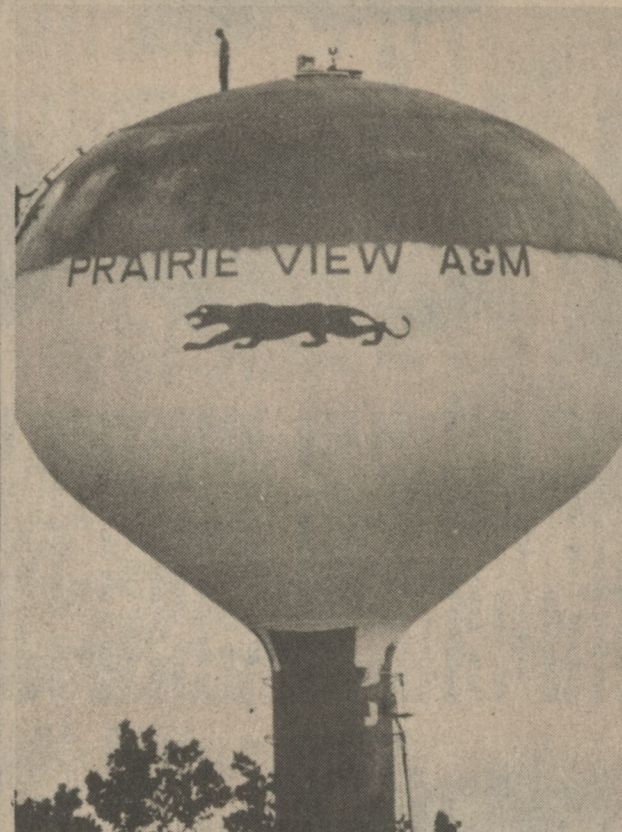
Faculty Renewal Program Set for August 26-28

National news writer and columnist Tony Brown will be special guest speaker during the opening session of the Faculty Renewal Conference on Wednesday, August 26.

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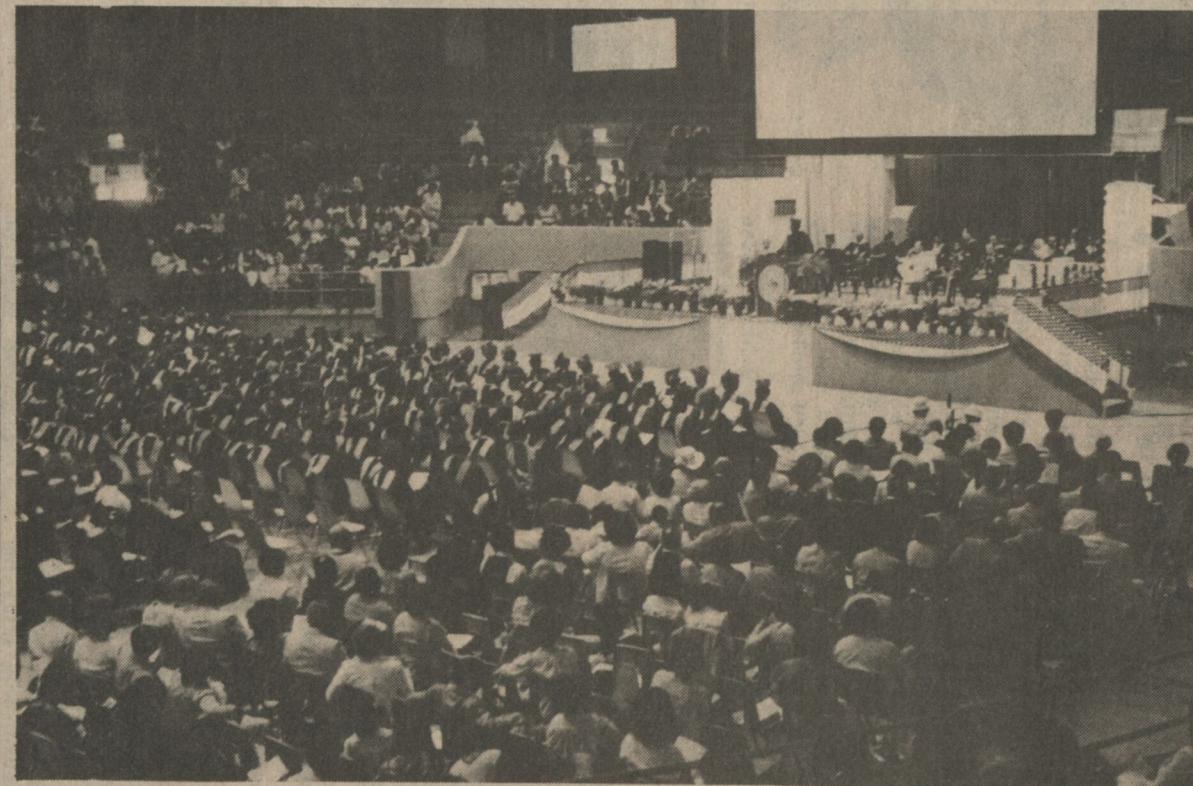
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Campus-Wide Improvements Continue

The daring maneuvers of painters on the water tower may well represent the state of campus improvements now underway in many areas. Over \$50 million is the amount set in the University's Master Plan for current and future construction.

*AS THE UNIVERSITY CLOSSES
A SUMMER SESSION AND
LOOKS TO A NEW YEAR
AHEAD IN 1981-82*



SCENE FROM AUGUST GRADUATION